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1. US MTN DEL HELD CONSULTATIONS FEB 17 WITH KENYAN
REPS (J.M. MUTHUMBWA, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, KENYAN
EMBASSY, PARIS, J.N. ONYANGO, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, AND
P. GAKUNU, ECONOMIC ATTACHE, EAST AFRICAN MISSION TO BRUSSELS)
TO DISCUSS KENYA'S TROPICAL PRODUCTS (TP) REQUEST LIST
AND TO COMMENT ON THE ONGOING TP GROUP MEETING. USDEL EX-
PLAINED RATIONALE OF US PREFERRED PROCEDURES FOR CIRCULATION
OF OFFERS, OUTLINED THREE CATEGORIES OF POSSIBLE US RES-
PONSES TO TP REQUESTS, REVIEWED US INTERNAL PROCEDURES AND
US POSITION ON DEVELOPING COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO TP PACKAGE.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO MTN DEL COMMENT ON MFN VERSUS GSP, MUTHUMBWA EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MFN MAINTAINS STATUS QUO OF LDC'S VIS-A-VIS DC'S AND STRESSED NEED FOR DIFFERENTIAL AND SPECIAL TREATMENT. MTN DEL RESPONDED THAT LDC'S HAD MAJOR SHARE OF US IMPORTS ON CATEGORY I PRODUCTS MARGIN OF PREFERENCE UNNECESSARY, AND NOTED SECURE NATURE OF MFN CONCESSION.

3. WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE LDC CONTRIBUTION, ONYANGO DID NOT RULE OUT. HE, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED CONCERN US RESPONSE ON MFN BASIS TO THOSE CERTAIN LDC REQUESTS DEPENDENT UPON US EXTRACTING SOMETHING FROM DC'S WOULD HAMPER US OFFER.

4. IN REVIEW OF TP PRODUCT LIST, ONYANGO STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO KENYA OF CONCESSION ON 121.60 (GOAD AND KID LEATHER) AND OF RELAXATION OF CUSTOM FORMALITIES AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS ON FUR AND FUR PRODUCTS. USDEL NOTED 121.60 WAS CATEGORY 3 ITEM AND UNLIKELY TO BE NEGOTIATED IN TP GROUP (LDC'S SUPPLYING LESS THAN 10 PCT OF MARKET) BUT WOULD REPORT INTEREST AS WELL AS INTEREST IN DISCUSSING US CUSTOM AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS. WALKER

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